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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004 with a three month shortened statutory period within which to reply.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the PTO's revised amendment format, a detailed listing of all claims has been provided. A status identifier is provided for each claim in parentheses following each claim number. Changes to the claims are shown by strikethrough (for deleted text) or underlining (for added text).

In the Claims:

Claims 1-82 were previously pending.

Amended claims: 1-7, 9-10, 12-22, 24-25, 27-28, 31-32, 35-36, 39-41, 44-49, 51-53, 58-63, 65-67, 70-77, and 79-81.

Canceled claims: 8, 11, 23, 26, 33, 34, 38, 50, 64, 78, and 82.

No new claims are added.

Pending claims: 1-7, 9-10, 12-22, 24-25, 27-32, 35-37, 39-49, 51-63, 65-77, and 79-81.